

Message

From: Weekley, Erin [weekley.erin@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/13/2021 9:45:01 PM
To: Hoefer, David [Hoefer.David@epa.gov]; Humphrey, Leslie [Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov]; Nazar, Kristen [Nazar.Kristen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA response, AltEn facility, Meade, Ne

Also – Jamie just called – Dr. Judy Wu-Smart, professor of entomology at UNL who has been in recent press on this topic regarding the university's bee hives, has been in contact with OPP this weekend. Jamie is planning to let OPP know that we are aware of the situation and Superfund is responding.

From: Hoefer, David <Hoefer.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Humphrey, Leslie <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>; Nazar, Kristen <Nazar.Kristen@epa.gov>; Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA response, AltEn facility, Meade, Ne

It will. Not sure what all media will be sampled but I know liquids in the ditch and impounded, and air. NDEE is meeting Doug so he'll get the lay of the land and history quickly. My guess is that the sampling will be thorough.

From: Humphrey, Leslie <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Hoefer, David <Hoefer.David@epa.gov>; Nazar, Kristen <Nazar.Kristen@epa.gov>; Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>
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OK – **Ex. 5 DP / Ex. 7(A)** Thanks for staying on this!

From: Hoefer, David <Hoefer.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Nazar, Kristen <Nazar.Kristen@epa.gov>; Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>
Cc: Humphrey, Leslie <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA response, AltEn facility, Meade, Ne

I spoke with Ken earlier. START has been tasked to sample. Doug has an analyte suite that he got from Berringer. Doug will assess and get the sampling done. No response planned at this time.

From: Nazar, Kristen <Nazar.Kristen@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>
Cc: Humphrey, Leslie <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>; Hoefer, David <Hoefer.David@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA response, AltEn facility, Meade, Ne

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On Feb 13, 2021, at 11:14 AM, Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning, friends. I just got off the phone with Doug again – he was trying to call Candace and mixed up our numbers – and emphasized the difference between the wet cake stockpile and the material currently being released.

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From: Humphrey, Leslie <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 10:48 AM
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Leslie

From: Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 11:11 PM
To: Hoefer, David <Hoefer.David@epa.gov>
Cc: Nazar, Kristen <Nazar.Kristen@epa.gov>; Humphrey, Leslie <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA response, AltEn facility, Meade, Ne

I tried to help Doug on this but I think there may be some conflating the stockpiled wet cake and the current release of liquified manure and stillage. Different issues

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On Feb 12, 2021, at 10:19 PM, Hoefer, David <Hoefer.David@epa.gov> wrote:

From: Hoefer, David

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 10:18 PM

To: Cozad, David <Cozad.David@epa.gov>; Hayes, Scott <Hayes.Scott@epa.gov>

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I just got off the phone with EPA's OSC, Doug Ferguson, who is prepared to mobilize tomorrow morning.

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Please let me know if anyone has any questions.

From: Cozad, David <Cozad.David@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 9:03 PM

To: Hayes, Scott <Hayes.Scott@epa.gov>

Cc: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>; Tapp, Joshua <Tapp.Joshua@epa.gov>; Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Juett, Lynn <Juett.Lynn@epa.gov>; Peterson, Mary <Peterson.Mary@epa.gov>; Hoefer, David <Hoefer.David@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: EPA response, AltEn facility, Meade, Ne

I texted Jim and asked that he send a written request for assistance to Scott. He did not reply yet.

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On Feb 12, 2021, at 8:28 PM, Hayes, Scott <Hayes.Scott@epa.gov> wrote:

Ed and Josh,

I just spoke with Ken and Dave.

I understand Dave has been in contact with Jim Macy who has requested our assistance on the scene. I am not clear on why the facility is not able to respond adequately. We will send an OSC tomorrow morning.

I don't have much detail. It is reported that the pesticide laced grain waste from the ethanol process was being land applied at some rate. Now the storage vessel has a leak that may be uncontrolled.

We do not know if it is reaching a waterway.

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